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In light of the election made herein and in the interest of expediting the prosecution of this case, Applicants also request that the claims be amended as follows:

In the Claims:

Please cancel Claims 43-60, without prejudice or disclaimer.

Please add the following claims:

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- 61. (New) An isolated nucleic acid molecule which comprises DNA having at least 80% nucleic acid sequence identity to:
- (a) a nucleotide sequence that encodes a polypeptide consisting of amino acid residues 1 to 197 of the amino acid sequence shown as SEQ ID NO:3,
 - (b) a nucleotide sequence that encodes a polypeptide consisting of amino acid residues 19 to 197 of the amino acid sequence shown as SEQ ID NO:3,
 - (c) the nucleotide sequence from position 50 to 640 of the nucleic acid sequence shown as SEQ ID NO:4,
 - (d) the nucleotide sequence from position 104 to 640 of the nucleic acid sequence shown as SEQ ID NO:4,
 - (e) the full-length coding sequence of the cDNA deposited under ATCC accession number 203552, or
 - (f) the full-length coding sequence of the cDNA deposited under ATCC accession number 203552 lacking its associated signal peptide encoding region.
62. (New) The isolated nucleic acid molecule of Claim 61 which comprises DNA encoding a polypeptide consisting of amino acid residues 1 to 197 of the amino acid sequence shown as SEQ ID NO:3.

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63. (New) The isolated nucleic acid molecule of Claim 61 which comprises DNA encoding a polypeptide consisting of amino acid residues 19 to 197 of the amino acid sequence shown as SEQ ID NO:3.

64. (New) The isolated nucleic acid molecule of Claim 61 which comprises the nucleotide sequence from position 50 to 640 of the nucleic acid sequence shown as SEQ ID NO:4.

65. (New) The isolated nucleic acid molecule of Claim 61 which comprises the nucleotide sequence from position 104 to 640 of the nucleic acid sequence shown as SEQ ID NO:4.

66. (New) The isolated nucleic acid molecule of Claim 61 which comprises the full-length coding sequence of the cDNA deposited under ATCC accession number 203522.

67. (New) The isolated nucleic acid molecule of Claim 61 which comprises the full-length coding sequence of the cDNA deposited under ATCC accession number 203522 lacking its associated signal peptide encoding region.

68. (New) A vector comprising the isolated nucleic acid molecule of Claim 61.

69. (New) A host cell comprising the vector of Claim 68.

70. (New) The host cell of Claim 69 which is a CHO cell, an *E. coli*, a yeast cell or a Baculovirus-infected insect cell.

71. (New) A process for producing a polypeptide comprising culturing the host cell of Claim 69 under conditions suitable for expression of said polypeptide and recovering said polypeptide from the cell culture.--

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Attached hereto is a marked-up version of the changes made to the claims by the current amendment.

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